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SUBJECT: ITALIAN LABOR UNION CRITICIZES ITALIAN ARMS SALES TO
ZAIRE AND MOROCCO

1. LEFTIST ROME DAILY MESSAGGERO REPORTED APRIL 20 THAT ITALIAN
METALWORKERS' FEDERATION (FLM) HAS ISSUED A LENGTHY DOCUMENT
CATALOGUING ITALIAN ARMS SALES TO THE THIRD WORLD AND COMPLAIN-
ING PART CULARLY ABOUT MILITARY MISSIONS AND ARMS SALS TO
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MOROCCO AND ZAIRE. ACCORDING TO MESSAGGERO, THE FLM DOCUMENT
1) DENOUNCES ITALIAN POLICY TOWARD THESE TWO "REACTIONARY"
COUNTRIES AND THE IMPORTANT ROLE ITALIAN ARMS AND EQUIPMENT
ARE PLAYING IN THE PRESENT CONFLICT; 2) ASKS THE RECALL OF
ANY REMAINING ITALIAN MILITARY OR CIVILIAN MISSIONS AND
BLOCKAGE OF ANY FURTHER SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS OR YET
UNDELIVERED ARMS OR EQUIPMENT; AND 3) ASKS THE PARLIAMENT

TO APPROVE PROMPTLY POLITICAL CRITERIA TO GOVERN FOREIGN SALE OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO AVOID ITALIAN "MORAL AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARMED CONFLICTS, REPRESSION AND OENOCIDE".

2. OTHER MAJOR ITALIAN DAILIES DID NOT CARRY THE STORY APRIL 20.

3. THE FLM IS A LOOSE FEDERATION, ON AN EQUAL BASIS, OF THE METALWORKERS' UNIONS OF ITALY'S THREE LABOR CONFEDERATIONS (COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CGIL, DEMO-CHRISTIAN-ORIENTED CISL AND SOCIALIST-LED UIL) ANALAGOUS TO THE LOOSE FEDERATION OF THE CONFEDERATIONS THEMSELVES (CCU).

4. SOURCES AT UIL AND ITS METALWORKERS' UNION TOLD EMBASSY THAT DOCUMENT IS INITIATIVE OF FLM'S INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIES, PARTICULARLY TRIDENTE OF CISL'S REDICAL, "EXTRAPARLIAMENTARY" LEFT. THEY IMPLIED THAT TRIDENTE'S INITIATIVE IS EMBARRASSING TO FLM AND CCU LEADES WHO ARE MORE INTERESTED IN HESERV-ING JOBS OF METALWORKERS PRODUCING THE EXPORTED ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, THE SAID INITIATIVE DOES FOLLOW UP ON AN EARLIER METALWORKERS MEETING WHICH CALLED FOR PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT OF ARMS SALES ON A POLITICAL BASIS TO AVOID SUPPORT OF REPRESSIVE REACT ONARY REGIMES. UIL CISL METALWORKERS' UNION (FIM) SEC GEN BENTIVOGLI ALSO TOLD EMBESSY THAT INITIATIVE WAS TRIDENTE'S. BENTIVOGLI (ALSO OF NISL RADICAL LEFT) SAI HE HAD BEEN OUT OF TOWN AND KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT. GARDNER

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